

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are all the claims presently pending in the application.

Previously pending claims 1-14 have not been amended by the present Amendment.

Claim 15 has been added to claim additional features of the invention, not previously considered and thereby causing a new issue for the Examiner's consideration and to avoid a first action final rejection. No new matter is added. Applicant submits that claim 15 is patentable over the prior art of record for somewhat similar reasons as those previously set forth in support of claims 1-14.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-15, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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